

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

August 30, 2005

LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 05-140 Certified Mail #7099 3400 0003 6156 1158

Peter and Susan Jewett Jewetts General Store Box 145 East Kingston, NH 03827

Subject: East Kingston – Public Water System: Jewetts General Store (EPA #0708030)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jewett:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Jewetts General Store water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325. DES acknowledges that you have retained the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences, specifically, Granite State Analytical and New Hampshire Rural Water Association.

DES records show that an Acute Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for Fecal coliform or E. Coli bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01 have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

July 2005 and August 2005

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- 1. **By September 16, 2005**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report which shall include recommendations to correct the bacteria contamination; and
- 3. **By September 30, 2005**, submit to DES for review and approval an implementation schedule which identifies specific dates by which steps to correct the bacteria contamination will be accomplished.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

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The copy of the consultant's written report and the implementation schedule as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Anne S. Bailey
Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Engineering Bureau
29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Please be reminded to carry out the public notice requirements and provide proof of public notice to DES for the July 2005 and August 2005 MCL violations.

To avoid future violations, please submit water samples according to the water system's Master Sampling Schedule, along with Barbara Davis' letters dated August 24, 2005, and August 26, 2005, copies of which are enclosed.

Please contact Anne Bailey by phone at (603) 271-0672, or by e-mail at *abailey@des.state.nh.us* if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pillsbury, P.G., Administrator Water Supply Engineering Bureau

Enclosures:

MCL public notice form

Letters Dated August 24, 2005 and August 26, 2005

Master Sampling Schedule

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cc w/enclosures: William Houser, Granite State Analytical

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